



HOLIDAY PRESENTS



Just Nine More Buying Days—and Then Xmas

Buy your Xmas presents early--early in the day and early in December. The beautiful and most exclusive novelties are all picked up first. Our selection of Holiday gifts is very large and complete. Hence the absolute necessity of buying now.

Holiday Furs



Just received a new line of sample fur sets and separate muffs. You are now able to secure the smartest and best furs at striking reductions over their original price.

Foxes, Red and natural Gray, Hudson Seal, Beaver, Squirrel, Black Lynx, Skunk and Mink, priced from

\$3.50 up to \$15



Handkerchiefs For Xmas Gifts

For Women a fine sheer lawn handkerchief with embroidered corners in pretty colors 3 in box. Our price **29c**

For Men—pure linen handkerchiefs with attractive Longfellow initial at **25c**

For children, attractive embroidered corner design in pretty hemstitched styles, 2 in a box. **10c**

Apron sets, comprising pretty lace trimmed apron and boudoir cap to match, made of sheer cut organdie and fine lawns at **59c**

Gift Suggestions for Baby

Flannelette Kimonos with dear little nursery figures. Baby Bunting Doll. Knitted socks in pink and blue trimmings. Bonnets, Knitted Toques, Mittens and Cashmere Hose.

Going to Skate

Knitted Angora Skating Sets, white with rose trimming and Copenhagen blue with white trimming. When you see these you will realize how unusual an offering at this price **\$1.19**



Flannelette Kimonos, softest floral designs with satin facing, they are **98c**

Ladies' Xmas Neckwear

Gaimpes, Vestees, Collars and sets, beautiful embroidered on organdie, voile and crepe also the new broadcloth collars, all at 25c to **75c**



Christmas Ribbons

VERY SPECIAL

Just what you are looking for, Sashes and Hair Ribbons. Ribbons for novelties of rare beauty, these are also 35c values. Special **29c**

Holiday Umbrellas for all the family.

Everyone appreciates Slippers with their soft, warm comfort, and here they are, select yours now.

For Baby, Child's Bunny Rabbit Slippers in box they come in, red and blue with colored trimmings at **98c**

For Mother and Sister, comfy Slippers protect the ankles, both the fur trimmings and soft padded soles for comfort; colors orchid and orpheim blue, old rose and lavender, priced at 69c up to **\$1.98**

For Father and Brother, Everettes, Operas and Romeo Slippers in felt, tan and black, kid with elastic sides, to sell from 69c up to **\$1.95**

Give Shoes for Xmas.

We are prepared to save you money on Ladies', Children's and Men's Shoes, every effort is made in the shoe department to satisfy our customers.

When you think of Rubbers think of Proud.

Rubbers for men, **79c to \$1.19**. For Boys, extra heavy rolled edge **65c**. Girls, **49c and 59c**. Ladies, **49c--59c--64c 74c**. Men's one Buckle Arctic **98c--four buckle \$1.98**. We carry the largest Rubber Stock in Alma.



PROUD'S DEPT. STORE



County Correspondence

News of our neighboring villages as gleaned each week by our special staff of correspondents

SUMNER

I. O. Hunt is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hyde and son, Meno, of near Maple Rapids visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Stearns, Monday and Tuesday. Lewis Forquer and Logan Woodard of Riverdale were calling on friends and attended I. O. O. F. lodge Tuesday evening. Billy Durell was in Carson Tuesday on business. Allen Doyton returned to his home in Niles Wednesday accompanied by Perry Pelton. He will visit his brother, Newell Pelton, at Berran Springs before his return. Mrs. Edna Ferry spent the week-end in Alma with her husband and other relatives. Ed Atkins of New Haven was a business caller Wednesday. Mrs. Phillip Hicks returned Wednesday from Lansing. Alfred Stearns and son, Horatio, of Stanton were in town Wednesday. Rex Allen of Wheeler was in town with his father, George Allen, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sly of Elm Hall were business callers Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. William Bartlett returned Wednesday from near Shepherds where they visited their son, Floyd Bartlett, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Childs. Mrs. John Phillips and children visited the last of the week with her parents at Lake Field Center.

A. E. Fowler and Vern Stoffa were at Ithaca on business Wednesday. Mrs. Fern Wakefield of Boyne City is visiting her brother, William Bartlett. Summer Hoxie of Elm Hall was here Thursday, calling on friends. The grange met with Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Hunt Thursday evening. Mrs. James Arnieth and children returned to their home in Corunna after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wood. Thomas Strotton of Stanton spent Saturday and Sunday calling on old friends. Harry Fisher and wife and Harney Fisher and wife of Vestaburg were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook. Frank Hicks and wife are visiting at his brother, Charles Hicks, and wife in Ferris. Mr. Sommers, our stage driver, thinks Summer is well represented at the motor truck plant at Alma, as he brought ten on the stage Saturday night and took them to the train Sunday night. About fifty of Professor Wood's pupils, with their parents, surprised him Monday evening, it being his birthday. Refreshments were served, games played and the evening very pleasantly spent. F. J. Tucker and wife autoed from Alma Saturday evening to visit his parents returning Sunday. Austin Lang and Virgil Conorton have employment at the motor truck plant.

John Robson and wife returned Thursday from Lansing and Jackson, where they have been visiting the past week.

TOWN LINE

Miss Kittie Shoop, who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Wm. Vanderbeek and Mrs. Arley Conley near Forest Hill, returned to her home Saturday evening. George Ward, mail carrier on route No. 5, has been taking Chester Walker's route No. 2 this week. Both gentlemen are fine mail carriers and have a host of friends in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ferris autoed to Flint Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dell Wright were in Alma Sunday. There were a number from here that attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Veeder, Sunday, which was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Mills at Alma. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Church visited with Mr. and Mrs. Grover south of Alma. Mr. and Mrs. Edna Mills of near Forest Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams. Mrs. Pat Whitcraft has been entertaining relatives from Houghton and Middleton this week. I. H. Church received the sad news that his oldest son, Walter Church, had dropped dead of heart failure on the street at Saginaw. Mr. Church and son Emory left at once for that place. Walter and his wife had come a few days before to visit his wife's mother. Mrs. Goldberg, of Kansas City where he had been making his home for the past ten years. Walter was born on his father's farm 45 years ago and lived in this neighborhood till he became a man and went out into the world for himself. The funeral was held at the home of his mother-in-law and the remains were laid at rest in the cemetery at Saginaw. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, father, mother and one brother, who have the sympathy of their friends.

The school commenced at the Brick school Monday. Mrs. Korrah Fookes of here and her mother, Mrs. Edd Hoyt, of Alma visited in Mt. Pleasant last week. Mrs. I. H. Church visited her aunt, Mrs. T. Kress, and Mrs. Rockerfellow at Summer last week. Mrs. Edna Owen of Middleton visited her sister, Mrs. Edgar Ferris. Mrs. Korrah Fookes visited her aunt, Mrs. I. B. Wolf, at Alma on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Emory Church of Washington arrived here last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Church, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover, south of Alma. The Elwell Aid society will meet with Mrs. Jerome Kinney on Wednesday. Mrs. Edna Winslow and two children returned home from Owasco where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Cohoon.

FERRIS

Miss Lillian Marcy and Mr. Drake of Crystal attended church at Ferris Sunday morning. Mrs. Hunt of Sedalia visited her sister, Mrs. Laforest Davenport, over Sunday. Charley Hicks and wife went to Traverse City Monday on business. Mrs. M. L. Thompson and daughter, Gertrude, attended C. W. B. M. exercises at Vestaburg Sunday night. Inez Fisher, the teacher at the Center, had no school Monday on account of being ill. Martin Nickerson is doing a lot of stumping for E. W. Thompson. The musical entertainment at the church by Prof. Veatch of Alma was well attended considering the stormy night, and was enjoyed by all.

FOREST HILL

E. Wells has moved into the Nelson Spore house. Miss Blanche Hamilton spent the week-end with friends in Alma. E. Parsons transacted business in St. Louis Monday.

Miss Tressa Daily was quite sick the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Silas Randolph of Grand Rapids visited at the home of C. K. Huffman the last of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leland entertained a cousin from Battle Creek Sunday evening. Mrs. L. B. Leonard was called to Alma Saturday afternoon to care for Mrs. Mary Packard, who is seriously ill. The met at the church basement Thursday to get ready for their bazaar to be held in the basement of the church Friday evening, December 13. Mrs. Anna Davis returned to her home in Marion Friday. All are invited. The M. E. church at Parkinson will hold their Christmas exercises on Sunday evening, December 24. There will be an old-fashioned Christmas tree at the Christian church Saturday evening, December 23.

WEST PINE RIVER

Mrs. Milton Veeder, an old pioneer of Gratiot county, passed away at the home of her daughter in Alma December 7, after a long and painful illness at the age of 69 years and 9 months. She leaves to mourn their loss an aged husband and four children, Sam Veeder of St. Louis, Wm. Veeder of Clare, Mrs. Bert Mills of Alma and Mrs. James Edwards, who resides near the old home; eighteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held Sunday at Alma, conducted by Rev. Brownlow, and interment was made in Wright cemetery. God in his wisdom hath recalled the one we love so well. A place is vacant in our home which can never be filled. Mrs. Florence Webb of Elwell spent a few days last week visiting her nephew, Wesley Webb, and wife. Mrs. Ernest Donoman, who has been on the sick list, is reported better. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Currence spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Webb.

ELM HALL

Miss Amy Walker was in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday on business. Mrs. D. Hicks was in Saginaw Thursday on business. Charles Sanders has returned from Boyne City, where he spent a few weeks with his son, Lee. Newell Baldwin is at Lansing, attending State Grange. Versall Davis of Alma spent the week-end with her uncle, Theo Reed, and family. Elvin Joslin was in Breckenridge and Wheeler Friday. Miss Tressa Daily of Alma spent the week-end with her grandparents, William Lovell and wife. Ed Smith has gone back to work in the pickle factory at Alma.

WHEELER

(Intended for Last Week.) Bertha Rich spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Curtis Richards, of Flint. The new condensed milk factory to be located here will be 82x200 feet long, one story and built of brick. Albert Kipp and wife of Saginaw spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kipp. Mrs. Fred Tuttle of Saginaw visited her father, Mr. Gus Wolansky, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bradford visited Mr. and Mrs. Newell Bradford of Ithaca. Messrs. Kennedy and Payne of Alma college conducted the services in the local church last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams have a new arrival named Sherman Leroy. Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson were in Saginaw on business Tuesday. Mrs. Anna Ryan of Chicago was called here by the serious illness of her father, Geo. Hawkins. Dore Post of Sicksles was in town Tuesday on business. Mrs. Martin Muscott of Breckenridge visited her brother, Bert Wilson, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Roof of Elwell visited E. Allen and family, Thursday. Miss Leah Allen gave a small informal supper to a few of her friends Thanksgiving evening.

E. Fairbanks is entertaining his daughter from Ithaca. The entertainment under the auspices of the lyceum bureau was an excellent program, though poorly attended. Ed Gazette's father was buried Wednesday. Mrs. Joseph Wolfgang died Monday. Funeral was held Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Asher Cook spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Herrick of St. Louis. Richard Blackman of Flint visited A. Johnston, Thursday. Walter Hawkins of Pontiac visited his father, who is seriously ill, last week. Francis Yankee was in Alma, Thursday. Carl Street was in Rathbone, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were called back to Flint again on account of the illness of their son, Rollo.

WEST ARCADE

Mrs. Goldie Wyeth has a little son and is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Northrup, who also have a little son born lately. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allis attended the Farmers' Club, Thanksgiving, which was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradford. The Andersons, who lived on the Murphy place, have gone back to Illinois. A family named King now occupy the place. Mrs. Otis Wetson and Mrs. J. H. Allis went to Ithaca Wednesday and spent the day with Mrs. R. A. Gee. Mrs. Hira Metcalf spent Thanksgiving in Lansing with friends. Mr. Irish has sold his home at George Fink. He will soon have a sale and will move to town having bought a place there. They entertained a surprise party Saturday night. We Conquered Nature. "Yes, gentlemen," said the geologist, "the ground we walk on was once under water." "Well," replied the patriotic young man of the party, "it shows us to show that you can't hold this country down."